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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed March 18, 2003, in the above-identified application.

Upon review of the file, it was noted that the initialed Form PTO-1449, which was filed with the Disclosure Statement dated November 13, 2001, returned by the Examiner with this Office Action may be ambiguous. Specifically, it may not be clear whether the Examiner considered and initialed the last two U.S. patents (U.S. 5,591,804 (Coggio) and U.S. 5,929,169 (Jing)). It is respectfully requested that the Examiner clearly initial the Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, and return it to the undersigned attorney.

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application to reply within the third month (§1.17(a)(3)).

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